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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, MILI, PA

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION OFFOREIGN NATIONAL  
BY MAC FLIGHT

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS WASHINGTON APPROVAL TO FLY SEVERLY  
INJURED PARAGUAYAN NATIONAL FROM ASUNCION TO PANAMA ON  
MILITARY AIR COMMAND CAPITAL RUN. PATIENT WOULD THEN BE  
CARRIED ON TO COST RICA THROUGH PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. JULIO CESAR CESPEDES MORINIGO, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE WITH  
THE PARAGUAYAN AIR FORCE, WAS SEVERELY INJURED IN A TRAFFIC  
ACCIDENT AND HAS BEEN COMPLETELY PARALYZED AND IN A COMA  
SINCE SEPTEMBER. HIS SISTER, DRA. MARIA MARCELA CESPEDES,  
IS AN M.D., A NEUROLOGIST AND IS PRESENTLY IN ASUNCION  
TAKING CARE OF HER BROTHER. HOWEVER, SHE RESIDES IN  
COSTA RICA WITH HER HUSBAND, WHO IS ALSO A MEDICAL DOCTOR.  
THE SISTER WANTS TO TAKE HER BROTHER TO COSTA RICA WHERE  
SHE AND HER HUSBAND WOULD BE ABLE TO CARE FOR HIM IN HOSPITAL  
FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM. SHE HAS FOUND IT MOST DIFFICULT,  
HOWEVER, TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO DO THIS. IF A DIRECT  
FLIGHT TO PANAMA COULD BE ARRANGED, THEN SHE CAN MANAGE ONWARD  
TRAVEL FROM PANAMA TO COSTA RICA. HIGH-LEVEL GOP OFFICIALS  
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HAVE BROUGHT SITUATION TO OUR ATTENTION AND HAVE URGED THAT  
USG HELP OUT IN THIS CASE. PARAGUAYAN AIR FORCE DOES NOT  
HAVE REQUISITE CAPABILITY.

3. BECAUSE OF THE STRONG HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE CASE  
AND ALSO BECAUSE OF HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST, AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS  
THAT WASHINGTON APPROVE USE OF MAC CAPITAL RUN TO TRANSPORT

CESPEDES, ACCOMPANIED BY SISTER WHO IS QUALIFIED MEDICAL  
ATTENDANT, FROM ASUNCION TO PANAMA.  
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